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TWIN SPIRES TO GLOW RED IN SUPPORT OF UNIVERSITY OF LOUISVILLE FOOTBALL TEAM

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (Wednesday, Sept. 14, 2016) – The iconic Twin Spires of Churchill Downs Racetrack will be cast in a red glow Wednesday, Thursday and Friday night in support of its neighboring 10th-ranked **University of Louisville** football team who battles second-ranked **Florida State** on Saturday at noon (all times Eastern) in a nationally-televised ACC showdown at nearby Papa John's Cardinal Stadium.

Churchill Downs opens its 11-day September Meet on Friday at 12:45 p.m. with a 10-race program that could draw plenty of out-of-town visitors.

With the big game in mind, track officials proactively moved back Saturday's post time from 12:45 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. so fans could enjoy the best of both worlds and to help ease area traffic, especially on Central Avenue.

Those who attend the UofL/Florida State game are invited to visit Churchill Downs afterward free of charge on Saturday simply by showing their ticket stub. Eleven races, including four stakes events, are scheduled Saturday and the last race is set for 7:29 p.m.

Churchill Downs' fourth annual September Meet will run Friday through Oct. 2.

The historic Twin Spires at Churchill Downs were completed in 1895, 20 years after the first running of the first Kentucky Derby, and are among the most recognizable symbols of excellence in the worlds of sports and entertainment. Along with being the celebrated home track of the Kentucky Derby and Kentucky Oaks, Churchill Downs is also a National Historic Landmark and listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The Kentucky Derby, run for the first time on May 17, 1875, has been run annually and without interruption since and is America's oldest continuously-held sports event.

The 143rd running of the Kentucky Derby Presented by Yum Brands! (Grade I) is scheduled for Saturday, May 6, 2017. For tickets, log onto KentuckyDerby.com and click the "Tickets" icon for more information.

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